

EGAN'S VIEWS OF CLEVELAND

He Regards Him Very Much as a Scotchman Do a Chip in Forgive.

THE KIND OF A MAN HE WAS.

The Democratic Administration Lacking in Originality, Force and Dignity—Judicial Honors—Fond's Successor—Breitbart.

FROM THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW.

Hon. Patrick Egan returned yesterday from New York City and eastern points where business has taken him for the last ten days. Mr. Egan, during his visit, met Michael Davitt, who has been in the east, and while in New York City met Messrs. O'Connor and Esmond, the two Irish members of parliament who have come to America to present the Irish question to the people and who will visit the principal cities between New York and San Francisco. About October 27 Messrs. O'Connor and Esmond will be in Omaha, where they will attend the Irish national ball to be held at that time. Either just prior to their Omaha visit or immediately following it, the two gentlemen will visit Lincoln, where they will be accorded a grand reception and banquet. Upon their return from the Pacific coast they will again visit Omaha and lecture at that time. In the Chicago News of recent date a letter was published from Mr. Egan that was furnished to the News by one of the names of others from prominent men in the nation on the presidential question. The people of Lincoln and the people of Nebraska entire will be interested in Mr. Egan's views of the present and his policy. The letter sent to the Chicago News was as follows:

My Dear Sir: I have to acknowledge receipt of your copy of the Chicago News of the 10th inst. and in reply to regret that what I have to say on that subject must be unfavorable to the distinguished visitor whom your city is preparing to receive. But as you have asked me for my opinion I will state it with candor.

I regard the administration of President Cleveland very much as a Scotchman regards a chip in porridge—capable of neither good nor great harm. I regard it as lacking in originality, lacking in force, lacking in dignity, but not intentionally vicious. I consider it has failed to increase the commerce, the prosperity, or the wealth of the people at home, and it certainly has not made the nation more respected abroad.

I am one of those who believe that in the case of nations, as of individuals, there is more to live for than mere material existence or the accumulation of wealth, and that nations, as well as individuals, should strive to earn and to command the respect and esteem of their contemporaries. America is regarded in Europe, and especially in England, as a nation of money grabbers and sharpers, whose ideas of duty and duty are never raised above the mighty dollar, and whose principles are regulated solely by the standard of expediency; as a nation which, while possessing the freest, the greatest, the most glorious republican form of government in the world, has failed to do anything for the east and nearest to the face of the earth—those who more "dearly love a lord" than does the very best of us.

President Cleveland, in my judgment, has done nothing to remove the first of these impressions, and it has given tangible color to the second. He has failed to do anything and maintaining there as minister Mr. Phelps, a man who from the first day he set his foot on American soil has done nothing to remove the first of these impressions, and it has given tangible color to the second.

Feeling, as I do, jealously proud of American nationality and of the honor of the American flag, I desire to see as president a man who would give us an administration such as James G. Blaine would give on the republican side, or Alfred Russel Wallace on the democratic, an administration with a policy bold, strong, active, vigorous, manly, and at the same time dignified, conservative, and in a word, an administration with a policy worthy of the greatness and worthy of the dignity of the American people.

There will be a large number of Lincoln democrats in Omaha the coming two days, the democratic state convention calling a good many democrats and the visit of Mr. Egan, the latter of the two of many others to go and look upon a live democratic president. Among the purely democratic visitors to the president will be Postmaster Watkins, Police Judge Whitmore, Mayor Sawyer, John McManigal and P. H. Cooper. The visit to the president will be a greater attraction for the faithful than the state convention.

In accordance with the resolution passed by the republican convention of the Second judicial district, Governor Thayer has appointed Allen W. Field as district judge for the unexpired term of Judge Fond, whose resignation went into effect the 1st. Mr. Field is the republican nominee with Judge Chapman in this district. It had not gone to Elvira, it was not on its way to Norfolk. It had not come around by rail. Three days later I got news of it. The telegram read:

"Trunk with check 986 carried up to Kennard house, Cleveland, my mistake. How shall we forward it to Detroit?" And I telegraphed back: "Send the whole damned thing to any hospital which will accept it as a gift."

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Conceded Her Sex Twenty Years. One of the most remarkable cases of concealment of sex has just been brought to light at Cincinnati. September 26 application was made to Colonel L. A. Harris, one of the trustees of the Dayton soldiers' home, for the admission of a sick veteran to that institution. The soldier, called at Colonel Harris' house and was given an application blank to be filled out. The veteran's name was James Fisher. He had a letter from the commandant of his regiment which stated that Fisher had received an honorable discharge after two years' service in Company C, Sixth Ohio Infantry. Fisher was ill and unable to provide for himself. Colonel Harris gave him transit transportation September 28 to Dayton, with a letter to Colonel Patrick, superintendent of the home, requesting him to take care of the veteran until he could be provided for. The medical examination at Dayton revealed the fact that Fisher was a woman. Of course she was not received into the home, and no one knows where she now is. Very little is known of her history except that she is fifty-nine years old. Since the war she has continued to dress like a man and live with those of that sex. In appearance Fisher is short and heavy set, with a round nose, dark hair and eyes. Her voice is somewhat effeminate, but no one has ever suspected her sex. Colonel Tafel says the woman was one of the bravest soldiers in his regiment, and he was astonished to learn that Fisher is a woman.

GAMBLING DID IT.

A Prominent Philadelphia Broker Driven to Suicide.

Long Branch, La., Philadelphia Times. On the south side of the West End piazza the other night sat John Pond, still a New York broker, with a comfortable balance in hand. He had tried all the games, from poker to roulette, down to keno, and last of all bridge, and is not much the worse for wear for his participation in some of the greatest games of chance ever played on the continent. He had a few dollars in his pocket and a few more in his pocket in Pond's buttonhole looked drooping and faint with the heat of the day, and the still alert and alive New York broker tossed aside a cigar he had smoked to the end and seemed in a repentant mood.

"Do you remember Ed Hillson, a wool broker of Chestnut street, who both met thirty years ago at Joe Hall's game in Walnut street, Philadelphia?" "Indeed I do," replied Pond, "and thereby hangs a tale. No man ever lived who was fonder of all games of chance than poor Hillson, the wool broker. He lived in Philadelphia for forty years and was, I think, from Alsace or Lorraine, for he was certainly half Frenchman. He had a good deal of the Napoleonic courage or nerve needed to make a great gambler, but with him it was the fatal passion for cards. He seemed to begrudge the hours spent in the ordinary avocations of his profession. He was recognized as the best wool buyer on the street.

"In 1870 he found himself \$5,000 behind and disappeared from Philadelphia for one year. Nobody made any search for him, as there seemed to be a general impression that the little Alsatian-Frenchman 'would come out east' (as they say out west). And he did, in a year to a day from his disappearance. Hillson appeared, full of cheer, bright, breezy, well dressed and with a heavy bank balance to his credit. He paid all his outstanding bills, and no questions were asked. His story of his disappearance was that he had but \$500 when he reached Paris and he could not resist the temptation to take a run over Monte Carlo. He had no money, and he was not afraid to face his creditors, but only waited for his luck to turn. Hillson said he had \$400 cash left. He put some 100 francs on the table. He put the winnings, 100 francs, between the 0 and the 0, which pays 17 for 1. He won. He picked out the number 13 because it was called an unlucky number, and put 50 francs on that number. He won. He was now a high-roller in luck and in one hour was possessor of 30,000 francs. He returned in the next steamer to America and liquidated all outstanding accounts.

"In 1884, Hillson's luck turned. His commissions as a wool-buyer did not furnish forth the wherewithal to gratify his elegant desires. He had had a more swelling port than his faint means did grant continuance. "He had friends," continued John Pond, "who would have loaned him \$2,000. He was too poor to tell why he was poor. Hillson became tired of the struggle, and one dune day he left Philadelphia for Niagara Falls. Nobody knew where he had gone. As soon as the train reached Niagara he gave a huckman \$5 and simply said: "Drive me to the Falls."

"Once there he laid off his coat and ended it all by one wild leap into the angry, death-dealing current of the river. His body was never found. The horrified huckman found a bill of sale for his fur-lined, covering the rent then due his landlord on the hotel street, and a note asking the same person to give a colored boy he had around his office his last \$1, enclosed. The last page of his letter read thus: "I have called the turn. I missed the call. Tell the boys I'm in hard luck, and they will not blame me if I leave the life I have and try to others I know not of. It is best so. John Pond rose up, lit a fresh cigar and said: "Young man, as I told you before, never gamble."

There were all the evidences of a coming storm, but when he got to the pocket a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup then came a calm, for the baby had the cough and would now get well. Little Willie screams and storms with hurn upon his arms. Dr. Little Willie is in, by using Salvation Oil, the great liniment.

A Baby Octopus. Galveston News. One of the small crabs, while anchored on the flats in the bay yesterday, on pulling up its anchor, drew up a small octopus which had attached itself to the anchor by its tentacles. But few of us have seen octopuses in these waters and none have ever been caught here which have ever attained their full growth. The octopus is by some styled the devil fish, doubtless from its vicious shape and its jumping to startle and back. I know I'd bring up all right and at the head of the procession, but my trunk, I'll bet \$100 to \$1 it would never go one foot beyond Toledo!

The most baggage man in the union depot in Cleveland has been living for forty odd years, but his days are numbered. It won't be his hand which will make his wife a widow, but the slaver is doubtless on his way. I had been down to Elvira. I checked my trunk from Detroit to Elvira, but of course it didn't go there. The Lake Shore road fell in with my trunk, and it was carried straight as a string. When I think of taking a trip from Detroit to Moscow there are no anxieties connected with change of cars or jumping to startle and back. I know I'd bring up all right and at the head of the procession, but my trunk, I'll bet \$100 to \$1 it would never go one foot beyond Toledo!

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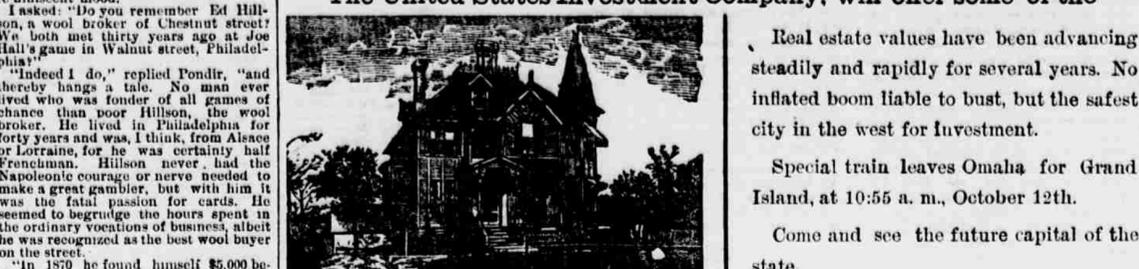
"But I didn't order it transferred." "But it was checked that way." "Then your man at Elvira is to blame." "Perhaps, but I am not the man at Elvira. I am the man at Cleveland." We jawed, and called each other liars and fools, and then I got up and went to my trunk. I had a check reading from Elvira to Cleveland, and I saw another put on the truck. I was assured by the baggage man and the ticket agent and the drayman that I had no more to do.

Mark Twain's Plays. New York World. It is rather late in the day to point out that Mark Twain is as destitute of the dramatic instinct as a parish clerk. Mr. Howells himself is not an unspotted spot in this respect as Mark Twain, and there would be no earthly sense in referring to the well known fact again if Mark Twain had not again challenged the reference. His "Colonel Sellers" is one of the funniest plays ever put on our boards, and I believe one of the most successful, was as far from being a drama as a counting-house almanac. It would be futile to waste through all that Mark Twain has written with the purpose of finding there one remote excuse for his talent ever taking to the theater.

That he is dull no one ever disputed; that he can make a dramatic story no one in the possession of his senses ever dreamed. But as if this fact had not been sufficiently pointed out by Mark Twain's voluminous pen, he again takes to the boards, and yesterday there was presented at the Lyceum theater, through the medium of a special matinee, a so-called "farical comedy" in three acts, in which innocent who never before in all his comical wanderings got so far abroad.

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